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A Friendly Talk.

There are only seven more numbers required to complete the present volume. It seems hardly possible that a year is so soon gone. It has been a very busy time to us, and one filled with earnest and severe toil. We have done what we could to keep the good work moving along.

The new year will soon be upon us, and we trust our dear brethren and sisters will take the field, and give us a increased EVANGELIST family for 1886. We are workers together in a holy cause, and it is upon your hearty co-operation that we must depend for success.

Taking all in all, you have assisted us nobly during the past year, and if the brethren will forward to us what is yet due, we will come out better than we anticipated. By a little earnest work on your part, we will go through the next year without falling short very much.

The outlook for the church, in the future is most promising. We are rapidly growing into a numerous and powerful church organization. There is not in all Christian History, outside of the Reformation of Martin Luther, a record of such rapid growth, attending the development of a new organization of Christian believers. To entertain the least feeling of discouragement would be distrust and faithlessness in the Divine omnipotence. If there be any who have allowed themselves to feel thus over the general prospects, to such we would recommend a study of the reply made by a Christian Missionary, in China, to an inquiry sent to him, after being there six years without making a convert, as to what the prospects were. He replied that "the prospects were as bright as the promises of God." And in the seventh year he gathered a large harvest of souls.

Brethren, our prospects are very promising—so promising that we can hardly keep ourselves down in the valley of humility as we should. The work is altogether the Lord's and we must not allow ourselves to feel that we have done anything but our duty, and having done all we can do, should count ourselves as unprofitable servants. Satan is all the time at hand with his sweet morsel for the tongue, that is poison to the soul: "WE DID IT."

Let us all crucify that great enemy—self—and fight away the terrible besetting sin—unbelief—faithlessness in the promises of God, and sacrifice all we can to

make the Lord's work in 1886 a prosperous one.

The College is promising very well. We will have a much larger school during the Winter than our most sanguine expectations held forth, and the College will prove an auxiliary to the church. You can still make that more successful, brethren, by sending your children here to be educated, and churches can by sending their young ministers here to prepare for the responsible work you have called upon them to perform. We are working together, church, paper, professors and all, as one man, sacrificing and laboring abundantly to make the good work a success in the name of Christianity and the Brethren Church; and we most earnestly wish that the whole brotherhood would seize the spirit of unity and throw in their mite to make the church work, the college, and our periodicals a glorious success in the name of Christ.

May all "run well" in the good race.

Too Much on Men.

One of our brethren, a leading revivalist inspired an item in the impression of last week, to the effect that churches should hold revival meetings, and not wait to secure a noted evangelist. The report from Virginia of a successful revival held by home-ministers after being disappointed, has impressed the wise admonition of the brother upon us.

There is too much dependence upon men and not enough on the Lord, in the revival work that is to be done. The home minister, if he is the servant of the Lord, and filled with the Holy Spirit, and armed with the word of God, is a power that will be successful if an effort is made. The Lord is mighty to save, and he will save through even the weakest instruments that take up his cross and walk obediently in his precepts.

But when you have a "home-revival," do not depend upon your minister altogether. Join with him, heart and hand, and pray and sing, and talk about Jesus and his love to the unconverted. A word fitly spoken, with a Christian life and a report for good works, behind it, often carries conviction, and the humblest servant of the Lord should not hold his peace.

May the Lord enable us to depend upon him to call the lambs to the fold, while it is our duty to tell them the way.

More Than Talk.

The "Sister in Christ," who has a communication in another part of the paper, sends us one dollar, to start a missionary fund. This is a commendable act. There is more than sound in what she says. She means what she writes. This is what the church wants—more effective acts, and less sound. That dollar will reach farther in mission work than a whole paper full of talk about holding conventions to start mission works. Dollars are what we want. We have the system hewed out in detail, finished and polished; but, it is laid upon the shelf. Who will take it down?

One dollar one sister contributes for mission work. One thousand sisters could easily contribute \$1,000. This would

maintain two or three self-sacrificing evangelists in the field a good part of the year.

This is practical. Who will be the sister to add another dollar?

The Little Children.

We are delighted over the report from the field this week. Two little children have come into the fold and have put on Christ. How grand this thought—Little children putting on Christ. We have always admired those words of Jesus that called little ones to him: "Suffer little children to come unto me." We have always abhorred that doctrine that taught that children should be brought up as heathens, in order to repent and come to Christ. As soon as a child is competent to obey then it is competent to come to Christ; to receive baptism, and live as a member of the body of Christ. There is something divinely grand in the act of a child who comes to Jesus in his early life and lives for the heavenly home and immortal glory. Behold the innocent child, a follower of the son of God, bow in prayer, ask a blessing when it sits down to partake of food, engage in the family devotion. Can a scene more divine be presented to the mind or to mortal vision?

Brethren, teach your children that there is a God in Heaven, a Savior to obey, and bring them early to Christ, that they may walk with you in the path of holiness.

The East.

The situation at the threatened seat of war in Europe is unchanged, although serious. Several of the powers maintain their positions stubbornly, and unless there is a change toward a conciliatory attitude, a war must result. The complications are so vast and the possibilities so numerous that no one can tell any thing about how the matter will be decided.

Two New Haven boys with guns on their shoulders and pockets filled with knives and pistols, were arrested in Bridgeport recently on their way to the West, where they were going to kill Indians. This is the result of reading cheap, vile novels of frontier life.

The pope of Rome is about to issue a new Encyclical letter. It is about Liberalism. It will define what real Liberalism is, and is expected to be of rather a conciliatory tone, in some respects.

The desks and chairs were taken by the male pupils from a Reading, Pa., school a few days ago and made a bonfire of. An official on a visit to the school some time since is reported to have suggested that unless new furniture be provided the old ought to be carried out and burned. It is supposed that this saying led them to pursue the course they did. The boys are to be held accountable for their action, and warrants have been issued for the arrest of a number of them.

Stop that cough by the use of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral—the best specific for diseases of the throat and lungs. It will soothe the rough feeling in your throat, aid respiration, and give the vocal organs flexibility and vitality.

Elder Strategy.

True Christianity is a matter of principle. Principle first, principle last, principle at the bottom, principle at the top, principle from center to circumference, regardless of circumstances or consequences. All, all must be given up for principle. Christ must be "all and in all"—the "Alpha and the Omega." "Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God." Position, honor, wealth, friends, life itself: all, all if needs be, must be sacrificed for Christ.

The A. M. of 1882 decided that a sister wearing a "female hat" could not be continued in fellowship in that church.

Hundreds over this big land of ours since then, and even before that decision was made, have been ruthlessly expelled, but how is it to-day? Their dirty committee business is to say the least at a stand still and their sisters who feel thus inclined "from Dan to Beersheba"—from the Atlantic to the Pacific—are now wearing hats in open defiance to church authority. Why O why this inconsistency? Elders and councils seem to have lost power.

The trouble is, yes, I charge it home to them in all the fervor of love for consistency, numbers before principle. In the name of all that is honest, true, noble and consistent. I urge upon that people to either apologize and receive back into fellowship those expelled in the past or expel the sister hat-wearers of the present. How in the name of goodness and truth can you lay claim to a good conscience my dear people and be saturated clean through with this trouble inconsistency? Innocent blood is crying out against you.

Do you expect by this strategy to defeat the onward march of your progressive brethren? It is indeed the most cunning maneuver you have as yet brought to bear against progression, but remember it is a deceptive and dishonest maneuver, and the honest infidel stands head and shoulder above you in true manliness. Any thing but the sneak.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Jones Mills Items.

We have closed our Sabbath School and will have vacation during the winter, average attendance during term about sixty.

It would be very desirable if we could have literature published by our own fraternity; can not some one devise a plan?

Have just closed a series of Meetings conducted by Bro. R. Z. Replogle, who delivered sixteen regular discourses with his characteristic zeal, energy and power of expression. Two of his sermons were devoted to setting forth the doctrines, principles, and position of the "Brethren church." It was well done and well received generally. The immediate results, was one from the world, one from another denomination, and several restored who had been standing aloof, others, (sinners) were made to tremble and some were very near the Kingdom.

Had a very enjoyable communion service on the eve of the 25th. A number communed for the first time with us. One of the participants was much depressed in spirit, grieved and afflicted. She said it removed the

great burden she had experienced. Yes; these services do all of us good when we approach the Lord's table properly.

We have been holding a service of this kind Semi-Annually and I believe they are instrumental in preserving spiritual life, and promoting spiritual growth. "Except ye eat the flesh of the son of Man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you," says the Savior; and again, "As often as you eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come. Hence, we think twice a year is better than once, and even quarterly would not be out of place. Oh, it is so refreshing to the soul.

A convention is needed in my humble judgment for the purpose of systematizing church work in general. A system for Mission work ought to be established, the Ministry ought to be distributed, and then there are some differences on doctrine springing up in the minds of individuals, and possibly churches, that ought to be considered. For instance, unrestricted communion is being advocated by some, and will eventually agitate our Brotherhood, and there are other differences in doctrine existing and a discussion upon them from a Bible stand point would bring about a oneness which would be founded on and established by scriptural references. We should be one in point of doctrine.

In your devotions, remember the cause at Jones Mills.

The leaves are fading and falling betokening the approach of winter and as I look out of my window I see away off in the Laurel Mill Mts. the earth is robed in white so one by one we fade and fall and moulders into dust.

W. A. HARMON.

Oct. 30th, 1885.

Making Allowances.

That is a very lovely disposition which excuses the faults of others, albeit severe with its own, on the plea that there is some reason, unseen and unsuspected, which, were it revealed, would go far to modify a harsh judgment. We are told of, or we observe in some fellow creature, actions which our tastes or our principles condemn; or, we are pained by something which a friend says or does. Let us have patience not only, but also let us be tolerant, since we can not know all the difficulties with which another must contend; nor can we estimate the weights with which another is handicapped in the race of life.—CHRISTIAN INTELLIGENCER.

Natural gas is fast superseding coal and wood for fuel, in Pittsburg. If the supply is not exhausted, in time it will be piped to all parts of the country, and used for every purpose that fuel is used.

Every English person consumes eight matches a day, but there are still a few families in England that adhere to the use of the tinder-box, for whom the boxes are still manufactured and sold.

If I knew for certain that there was no life beyond this, then the noble thing would be to make the best of this, yea, even then to try after such things as are written in the Gospel as we read it, for they are the noblest. —Miracles of our Lord.